



Massachusetts Hummock Pond

Facility and Location

The Hummock Pond Aerial Target Range was located in the southwestern quarter of Nantucket Island. In July of 1943, condemnation proceedings began on a 58 acre beachfront parcel, and another tract of about 50 acres of the pond directly north of it. Both of these properties were kept in lease until June 30, 1946. The Commonwealth agreed to lease its portion to the U.S. from 1944 to 1946. Hummock Pond was used for both bombing and air-to-ground strafing with small arms ammunition. Prior to its use by the military, this land seems to have had neither permanent structures nor inhabitants. Historically, a channel ran through the area which would be opened to partially drain the pond each spring. Erosion has impacted the subject site to such extent that this small parcel property is now submerged. The beachfront, north of its wartime location, is now the property of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation.

Media Sampled and Findings

Groundwater — In 2008, two samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.